

How the digital revolution will impact interaction among the Corporate Governance's actors in modern companies?

Date: 13 December 2018

Venue: Avenue des Arts 41, 1040 Brussels – 7th floor (Paris Chamber of Commerce)

Timing: 13:00 - 17:00 (sandwich lunch served from 13:15 to 13:45)

The Corporate Governance Dialogue – led by ecoDa - has been established as an open forum, with input from both the business world and the academic community. The Corporate Governance Dialogue reflects on the future evolution of Corporate Governance, the trends and challenges in the European and international CG context, and potential amendments to the CG framework in the coming years. The objective is to foster good governance that promotes economic welfare and well-being, by uniting theory with practice. The Corporate Governance Dialogue is currently considering whether Corporate Governance should be redefined in an era of digitalisation, AI and block chain?

At the kick-off meeting, we heard how AGMs could become modernized corporate organs. Blockchain can indeed increase shareholder democracy by providing a common platform for all shareholders to engage in voting or asking questions. General meetings through blockchain could also be organized more often than on a yearly basis.

At the upcoming second edition of The Corporate Governance Dialogue, we will build further and try to go beyond shareholders' identification to tackle the impact of the digital revolution on shareholders' dialogue and stakeholders' relationship.

PROGRAMME:

13:00: Registration

13:15: Sandwich lunch

13:45: Welcoming speech from Irena Prijovic, ecoDa's Chair

13.55: Introductory remarks - Lutgart Van den Berghe, Leader of The CG Dialogue

14:10: How could/will digitalization impact shareholder dialogue and shareholder engagement? What are the main opportunities and challenges directors, business leaders, experts and regulators should optimize?

- Kick-off address: Christian Busca, Attorney-at-law, EY (based on: [EC Report on legal and practical impediments for the use of digital tools for interaction between companies and their shareholders](#))
- Followed by a brainstorming with the participants

15.45: How could/will digitalization impact the company structure and organization as well as its relationships and involvement with stakeholders?

- Kick-off address: Eric Vermeulen, Tilburg University - Department of Business Law, Professor of Business & Financial Law & Philips Lighting - Vice President, Legal Department, Head of Governance
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16.55: Wrap up: Lutgart Van den Berghe
